

PRESIDENT OPENS HIS PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN TONIGHT

Will Address the Railroad Business Association at New York This Evening—To Touch Mexican Situation

MEETS PACIFICISTS AT NOON

Attendance with Still Another Speech at a Banquet of the Moving Picture Board of Trade Is Also a Part of the Day's Schedule.

Washington, Jan. 25.—President Wilson left tonight for New York where tomorrow night he will deliver the first of a series of addresses laying before the country the issue of readmission for national defense. Before starting he held brief conferences with administration leaders in Congress and cabinet members regarding the speeding up of the legislative program at the Capitol. He is expected to arrive in New York at six o'clock tomorrow morning but will remain in his private car until eight o'clock, when a committee from the Railroad Business association will escort him to his hotel. At noon he will receive a delegation from the New York Federation of Churches, who desire to present to him an address of congratulation of his effort in behalf of peace. Mr. Wilson probably will respond briefly.

Leaving at midnight to-morrow, the President will arrive here early Friday morning. Mrs. Wilson, Secretary Tumulty and Dr. Cary T. Grayson will accompany him.

The President will make further effort Friday to get the views of leaders of the Senate and House on the proposed ship purchase bill, the tariff commission, the

interviews with senators and representatives will be disclosed. He is understood to be very hopeful that his legislative program will be passed by Congress in time for an adjournment in June.

The President has thoroughly mapped out the addresses he will deliver during his middle western trip, on which he will leave Friday night. Each of his speeches the first of which will be delivered Satur-

The only changes in the plan for the trip today was the addition of a public meeting in St. Louis and the arrangement for "platform speeches" in several towns in Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas and Iowa. In St. Louis he was to have spoken at a breakfast. He will attend the breakfast

RUTLAND RAILROAD DEFENDANT IN 2 SUITS

All Negligence Cases—Total Damages Claimed Is \$20,000.

Railroad, Jan. 25.—Three negligence suits, in all of which the Railroad railroad is named as defendant and in which damages of \$20,000 are sought, were filed in Railroad county court to-day.

The biggest case is that of Mrs. Evelyn N. Lamontaigne, administratrix of George Lamontaigne, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover \$10,000. It is alleged that Mr. Lamontaigne was killed while the switch engine of the Railroad road while shoveling snow on to the Temple crossing.

Johnson, as administrator of the estate of Hildur P. Johnson, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover \$1,000. The deceased

was a maid and was killed while crossing the tracks at the Temple crossing on September 29. In both these allegations it is set up that the company allows cars to be left on the sidings at this point, obstructing the tracks both ways; that it maintains no gateman, flagman or watchmen for warning the people in spite of the fact that the crossing is within the city and is used every hour of the day.

The third suit is that of Charles H. Spafford of North Glarendon, administrator of the estate of Henry W. Wilcox, against the railroad. It is claimed Mr. Wilcox was killed by a train January 12, 1915, at the South Main street crossing.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Interest in farm mortgages has been stimulated by the Euro-

"During the year 1915 about seven billion dollars was invested in farm mortgages much of it being foreign capital," H. L. Hanson, secretary of the board of trade of the American central now has estimated that \$600,000,000 invested in farm mortgages in the United States, running from five years up. Instead of demanding payments they are renewing those that are lapsing."